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Present: Mrs. June Monaghan, President; Mrs. Lisa Tane, Vice President; Mrs. Stacy Agona; Mrs. Janet Marinaccio; Mrs. Nina Quigley

Also Present: Dr. Frances Wills, Superintendent; Mrs. Barbara Briganti, Asst. Sup't., Business & Technology; Mrs. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

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A meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the Middle School Theatre and was called to order by Mrs. Monaghan at 8:00 p.m.

The order of the agenda was changed for the purpose of introducing Mr. Nidal Isa from Exxon Corp.

On motion by Mrs. Tane and second by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby accept with thanks, the \$500 donation from Mr. Nidal Isa, on behalf of the Exxon Corporation.

### **School Board Recognition**

- In honor of School Board Recognition week, Dr. Wills presented each Board member with a certificate of recognition and a special gift basket.
- On behalf of the PTA, Denise Rempe and Heidi Roth thanked the Board for their service and commitment and presented each with a gift of appreciation.
- On behalf of the Teachers' Association, Jeanne Claire Cotnoir, read a letter of thanks to the Board.

### **Student Recognition**

The following students received certificates of recognition:

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| Julia Venditti     | 2008-2009 National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) Scholar             |
| Evan Weissblum     | “ “  |
| Margaret Blair     | 2008-2009 Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program |
| Erica Goldstein    | “ “  |
| Alexander Grant    | “ “  |
| Peter Hahn         | “ “  |
| Harrison Johnson   | “ “  |
| Laura Kim          | “ “  |
| Tess Morgridge     | “ “  |
| Daniel Panagacos   | “ “  |
| Valerie Pucilowski | “ “  |
| Craig Schwartz     | “ “  |
| Jacqueline Sider   | “ “  |
| Jessica Tang       | “ “  |
| Sydney Ziltzer     | “ “  |
| Elizabeth Johnson  | Briarcliff HS Distinguished Student of the Month for September 2008        |
| Allante Phillip    | “ “  |
| Lauren Giacovas    | “ “  |
| Daniel Egol        | “ “  |
| Kelly Simpson      | Documentary film, “Through Words,” premiered at Jacob Burns Film Center    |

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| Joy Li              | Chosen to perform at 2008 Westchester County Area All-State Festival |
| Maria Hao           | “ “  |
| Alyssandra Jaquith  | “ “  |
| Malcolm Reid, Jr.   | “ “  |
| Noah Gordon         | “ “  |
| Matthew Golden      | “ “  |
| Nicholas Brucculeri | “ “  |
| Daniel Panagacos    | “ “  |
| Evan Arbogast       | “ “  |
| Abigail Jablansky   | “ “  |
| Laura Kim           | “ “  |
| Noel Kim            | “ “  |
| Emily Levine        | “ “  |
| Elliot Tusk         | “ “  |
| Matthew Cember      | “ “  |
| Diana Angst         | “ “  |
| Michelle Rubich     | “ “  |
| Helaine Meyer       | “ “  |
| Suzanne Molino      | “ “  |
| Harrison Johnson    | “ “  |
| Sarah Crosswell     | “ “  |
| Erica Goldstein     | “ “  |
| Samantha Kahn       | “ “  |
| Daniel Manners      | “ “  |
| Nabeed Hassan       | “ “  |
| Katherine Schwartz  | “ “  |
| Chloe Effron        | “ “  |
| Olivia Glass        | “ “  |
| Erica James         | “ “  |

**Broadcasting of Board Meetings**

Mr. Knutsen provided an update on the status of broadcasting Board of Education meetings. The goal is to have the system up and running in November. A definite date was not chosen.

**Superintendent’s Remarks**

Dr. Wills announced that the Briarcliff Schools was one of the winners of the fifth annual Digital School Districts Survey, sponsored by The Center for Digital Education, the National School Boards Association.

Dr Wills announced that she met with department heads to discuss a reduction in spending in light of current economic challenges.

**Board President Remarks**

Mrs. Monaghan announced that she, Dr. Wills and Mrs. Katie Ginsberg gave a presentation at the New York State National School Boards Association on district energy policies.

**Storm Water Management**

Mr. Wellington Cavallo, P.E. of ECG Engineering, LLC gave a presentation on the status of the District’s storm water management program.

### **Audit Report Presentation**

Mr. Raymond Preusser, District External Auditor, presented to the Board its annual audit findings for the year ending June 2008.

Upon motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby moves to table the decision to accept the Audit Report as presented.

Mrs. Briganti provided information to the Board regarding an RFP (request for proposal) on an energy savings grant. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the RFP.

Comments/Questions were heard from the audience.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the following consent agenda items:

- a. Temporary appointment of shared coverage for 2 periods of physical education at the MS/HS effective October 1, 2008: Kelly Adams; Brendan Coxen; AJ Thau
- b. Appointment of the following substitute teachers: Heidi Berman; Brian Bodansky; and Whitney Waugh.
- c. Appointment of the following substitute nurses: Luisa Ortiz-Qureishi; Deborah Rosenberg.
- d. Unpaid child-care leave of absence requested by Laura Gualtiere, high school social studies teacher, effective October 30, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approve the disposal of the following unused/inoperable equipment:

| <i>Item</i>  | <i>Asset #</i> | <i>Reason for Disposal</i> |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Mac Computer | 900511         | Obsolete                   |
| Mac Computer | 900512         | Obsolete                   |
| Mac Computer | 003482         | Obsolete                   |
| Mac Computer | 003483         | Obsolete                   |
| Mac Computer | 003484         | Obsolete                   |
| Mac Computer | 003486         | Obsolete                   |

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the board hereby approves the disposal of the following unusable books:

| <i>Item</i>   | <i>ISBN #</i>           | <i>Reason for Disposal</i>                         |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Textbook: 72 copies of "The Americans"  | 0-618-01533-7<br>(2000) | Textbooks have been replaced with updated version. |
| Textbook: 100 copies of "World History Connections to Today, Volume 1, Prentice Hall  | 0-13-051011-4<br>(2001) | Textbooks have been replaced with updated version. |
| Textbook: 104 copies of "World History Connections to Today, Volume II, Prentice Hall | 0-13-434806-0<br>(1999) | Textbooks have been replaced with updated version. |

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the board hereby adopts the revised policies on Instruction (# 8521B Preschool Special Education & #8522 Staff Training Regarding Student with Disabilities).

The Board reviewed and discussed the September 2008 Warrants: Warrant # 3 Fund A, Warrant #3 Fund TA & Warrant #2 Fund H.

The Board discussed initiating an Autism Program.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0,

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the creation of an Autism program.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0, the board moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m. and enter into executive session to discuss a particular personnel issue.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0, the board moved to return to public session at 11:40 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Qigley, and passed 5-0, the board hereby

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to the powers granted to the Board of Education under Education Law Section 913 to require any person employed by the School District to submit to a medical examination by a school medical inspector, Dr. xxxxxx is hereby appointed as a school medical inspector. Employee 54689320 is hereby directed to contact Dr. xxxxxxxx and to meet with Dr. xxxxxxxx on such day or days as the medical inspector deems necessary to determine the capacity of employee 54689320 to perform school related duties.

On motion by Mrs. Tane, seconded by Mrs. Quigley, and passed 5-0, the board moved to return to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m.